GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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LOCAL CALL FACILITIES BETWEEN KOLKATA AND SILLIGURI
PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide local call facility between Kolkata and Silliguri;

(b) if so, the date from which it will be made effective; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Local call facility is provided within a Short Distance ChargingArea (SDCA) or between adjacent SDCA's obetween SDCA's falling within 50 km. Kolkata and Siliguri fall in Kolkata and Siliguri SDCA respectively. The SDCAs are neither adjacent nor fall within 50 Km.s; as such. local call facility between them is not permissible as per policy.